

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 8, 2006 and reference cited therein has been reviewed. Applicant has, by this amendment, amended the Abstract and Specification, canceled claims 1-3 and added new claims 4-16. Applicant submits that the amendments to the Specification do not constitute new matter.

The Examiner objected to the Figure 1 and requested that the figure be labeled as prior art. Applicant has enclosed a replacement sheet which indicates that Figure 1 is "Prior Art."

The Examiner also objected to the Specification for referring to claims and for including several grammatical errors. The examiner also objected to the Abstract of including improper wording. Applicant has amended the Abstract and Specification to correct these formal errors.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Smallegan 4,384,667. Applicant has canceled claims 1-3, thereby making the rejection moot.

Applicant submits that new claims 4-16 are patentably distinct over the cited art of record. For instance, Smallegan does not disclose, teach or suggest that each of the pistons in the press has a maximum stroke in each of cylinders of about 12 mm. This limitation is included in independent claims 4 and 15. In addition, Smallegan does not disclose teach or suggest the design of the press to enable the damping piston and/or the amount of damping of the piston. These limitations are included in independent claim 15 and dependent claims 7-12. Furthermore, Smallegan does not disclose, teach or suggest the design of the press that has at least three cylinders and pistons and/or a press wherein the at least three cylinders are oriented in a linear series on the press. These limitations are included in dependent claim 5 and 6.

For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that claims 4-16 are allowable over the cited art of record.

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